



Office of Human Capital
Management

CAREER OPPORTUNITY

Financial Specialist GS-501-9/11/12/13

ANNOUNCEMENT NO.: 04H-519-PMB

OPENING DATE: 03-11-04

CLOSING DATE: Must be received by 03-25-04

POSITION: Financial Specialist, GS-501-9/11/12/13
(Full Performance Level is GS-13)

SALARY: GS-09: \$40,894 - \$53,165 per annum
GS-11: \$49,479 - \$64,323 per annum
GS-12: \$59,302 - \$77,096 per annum
GS-13: \$70,519 - \$91,672 per annum
(MORE THAN ONE POSITION MAY BE FILLED)

LOCATION: Office of Chief Financial Officer, Office of Financial Analysis, Washington, DC.

AREA OF CONSIDERATION: Any U.S. citizen

COMPETITIVE STATUS REQUIRED: Competitive status is not required. U.S. citizenship is required.

This position is a permanent appointment with a full-time work schedule.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES: At the GS-9 or GS-11 grade level the incumbent will perform identical duties as those indicated below at the journeyman level, except the supervisor will identify the purpose and scope of the assignments and completed work will be reviewed by the supervisor. At the journeyman level the incumbent serves as a Senior Financial Specialist for the Office of Financial Analysis. Duties include the following: plan, design, and conduct comprehensive studies for the overall financial programs; formulate, justify and present major portions of the Agency's budget submission; coordinate the field and headquarters budget requests, integrate policy and financial data into lucid documents, review and prepare Congressional testimony and official policy statements, track status of Agency request through the Congressional budget process; provide technical guidance and assistance in the conduct of special analyses and reviews of Agency financial management and program activities; represent the SBA in Federal financial management groups and develop special studies in support of SBA programs and activities; provide direct assistance and support to the oversight activities conducted by OCFO; maintain contact with OMB and CBO budget examiners, and effective working relationship with industry representatives; respond to inquiries from Congressional staff and oversee the production of ad hoc status reports for use in Congressional testimony, press releases, academic studies, and FOIA requests; review and constructively criticize policies, procedures and programs and propose new or revised policy and procedural issuance based on acquired experience and the application of such instructions to complex credit management situations and/or knowledge of the applications and interpretation of programs in SBA field offices; represent the Agency interest in inter-agency and government-wide committees concerning policy issues affecting implementation of loan programs; compile narrative and statistical material and prepares exhibits and related background information concerning the Agency's budget and programs for use in briefing the top Agency officials scheduled to appear before Congressional appropriations committees.

Any individual eligible for consideration under the Interagency Career Transition Assistance Plan for Displaced Employees or under special hiring authorities, e.g., handicapped, etc., should indicate on their application if they are applying under a special program and submit proof of eligibility with their application.

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QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS: The following is an excerpt from the OPM Qualification Standards Handbook for General Schedule Positions. These standards are available in all Human Resources offices for review. Applicants must have one year of specialized experience which is in or directly related to the line of work of the position to be filled and which has equipped the applicant with the particular knowledge, skills, and abilities to successfully perform the duties of the position. Specialized experience must have been at least equivalent to the next lower grade level in the Federal service. Time-in-grade requirement applies to applicants considered under merit promotion procedures. Applicants must meet time-in-grade requirements within 45 days of the closing date of the announcement.

QUALITY RANKING FACTORS (QRFs) USED IN THE RATING PROCESS: Applications will be evaluated on each of the following QRFs. To receive full credit, applicants must submit a narrative description of their experience, education, training, etc. relative to each QRF. Be specific and limit responses to no more than one page per factor. If you are found qualified, this information will be heavily relied upon in the rating process. Please provide information in the following order:

1. Knowledge of government accounting concepts and principles including the Federal budget process and the Federal Credit Reform Act.
2. Knowledge of statistical analysis methods, and financial systems, processes and techniques, including SAS and STATA software, utilized to identify problems and recommend solutions regarding cost analysis and portfolio valuations.
3. Ability to communicate orally.
4. Ability to communicate in writing to prepare correspondence, reports and recommendations.
5. Skill in using a personal computer to assist in analyzing financial and statistical data and finance related databases.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:

You may use any written format you choose to apply for this position. However, your application or resume must include all of the items listed in Optional Form (OF) 612, Optional Application for Federal Employment (available at <http://www.opm.gov/forms/html/of.htm#of612>). Only your application or resume will be used to determine if you meet the minimum qualifications for the job and the grade level(s) for which you are qualified. If your application or resume does not include the required information, you may lose consideration for the job. You should also submit:

- Supplemental statement addressing the quality ranking factors.
- If you are a current or former Federal employee, a copy of your most recent SF 50, Notification of Personnel Action.
- If you are a current or former Federal employee, a copy of your most recent performance appraisal.
- If you claim 5-point veteran preference, submit your DD Form 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty. If you claim 10-point veteran preference, submit a SF 15, Application for 10-Point Veteran Preference and proof required by that form. The SF 15 is available at <http://www.opm.gov/forms/html/sf/htm>

If you are applying for special selection priority under SBA's Career Transition Assistance Plan (open to surplus SBA employees only) or the Interagency Career Transition Assistance Program (see <http://www.opm.gov/ctap/html/egct.htm#ICTAP> for eligibility requirements), you must submit one of the following as proof of your eligibility: reduction-in-force (RIF) separation notice; Notification of Personnel Action (SF 50) showing separation by RIF or removal for declining a directed reassignment or transfer of function outside the local commuting area; certificate of expected separation or other notice that you are surplus employee or eligible for discontinued service retirement; notice from a Federal agency that your injury compensation has been or is being terminated and that it cannot place you; notice from the Office of Personnel Management terminating your disability annuity; or notice from the military or National Guard that you retired under 5 USC 8337(h) or 8456.

If you are eligible for special selection priority based on RIF, declining a directed reassignment or transfer of function outside the commuting area, retiring on the effective date of a RIF or retiring under the discontinued service retirement option, you must also submit a copy of a Notification of Personnel Action (SF 50) which shows the promotion potential of the career or career-conditional position from which you have been or will be separated and a copy of your last performance rating of record.

Any individual eligible for consideration under the Interagency Career Transition Assistance Plan for Displaced Employees or under special hiring authorities, e.g., handicapped, etc., should indicate on their application if they are applying under a special program and submit proof of eligibility with their application.

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If you are applying for special selection priority under the Federal Employment Priority Consideration Program for Displaced Employees in the District of Columbia Department of Corrections or Interagency Career Transition Assistance for Displaced Panama Canal Zone Employees, you must submit a copy of your RIF separation notice.

To be found well-qualified for special selection priority by the Small Business Administration, you must meet the minimum qualification requirements for the position, including any selective factors and receive at least two-thirds of the total possible points for the quality ranking factors.

If you wish to be considered under a special appointing authority (e.g., disabled, Veterans Employment Opportunity Act, etc.) you must indicate on your application or resume the authority under which you are applying and include proof of your eligibility.

OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION: Payment of Relocation Expenses Is Not Authorized.

IF SELECTED NON-STATUS APPLICANTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO SERVE A 1 YEAR PROBATIONARY PERIOD

The U.S. Small Business Administration provides reasonable accommodation to job applicants and employees with disabilities unless the accommodation would impose an undue hardship on the Agency. If you need a reasonable accommodation for any part of the application or interview process, please contact Phyllis Brandford, Human Resources Specialist, at 202-205-6214 (telephone), 202-481-4930 (fax), [or Phyllis.Brandford@sba.gov](mailto:Phyllis.Brandford@sba.gov). If you are hearing impaired, you may call the Federal Information Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339 for assistance in contacting the person named above. Decisions for granting reasonable accommodations are made on a case-by-case basis.

If you are a male over age 18 who was born after December 31, 1959, you must have registered with the Selective Service System (or have an exemption) to be eligible for a Federal job.

Your application contains information subject to the Privacy Act (P.L. 93-579, 5 USC 55A). The information is used to determine qualifications or employment, and is authorized under Title 5 of the United States Code Sections 3302 and 3361.

An employee selected from a competitive register must serve a one-year probationary period and may be terminated because work performance or conduct during this period fails to demonstrate fitness or qualifications for continued employment (5 CFR 315.804).

If selected, you will be required to provide documents proving that you are eligible to work in the U.S.

NOTE: Only applications received by the closing date of this announcement will be considered. Only material required by this announcement will be used to rate your application. Your application will **not** be returned to you.

HOW TO APPLY: APPLICANTS HAVE SEVERAL OPTIONS IN APPLYING FOR THIS POSITION:

1. Applicants are **strongly encouraged** to apply for this position by E-mail: HRJOBAPPLICATIONS@SBA.GOV OR by Fax on 202-481-4930. Be sure to include you name and the vacancy announcement number of your correspondence. Illegible applications will not be considered, nor will you be contacted to submit another application.
2. You may mail your application to the following address: Small Business Administration, 409 Third Street SW, Suite 4200, Office of Human Capital Management, Washington, DC 20416, ATTN: Phyllis Brandford (04H-519-PMB). All applications must be received by the closing date in order to receive consideration.
3. You may submit your application in person at the address above.

Personally delivered, e-mailed or faxed applications must be received by close of business on the closing date of the announcement. We are not responsible for errors in fax or e-mail, therefore, it is recommended that you call or email to verify that your application has been received on or prior to the closing date.

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APPLICANTS WILL BE EVALUATED ON THE FOLLOWING:

If you meet the minimum qualification requirements, you will be evaluated on:

- Quality Ranking Factors (all applicants)
- Training completed in the last 5 years (for merit promotion only)
- Awards received in the last 3 years (for merit promotion only)
- Your most recent performance rating of record (for merit promotion only)
- Veteran preference (for competitive examining only)

All qualified applicants will receive appropriate consideration without regard to non-merit factors such as race, color, religion, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, age, disability, political affiliation, or any other characteristics not bearing on job performance.

COMPLETED FORMS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO:

U.S. Small Business Administration
Office of Human Resources
409 Third Street SW, Suite 4200
Washington, DC 20416
ATTN: Phyllis Brandford (04H-519-PMB)

For additional information or forms contact Phyllis Brandford on (202) 205-6214. The Optional Application for Federal Employment (OF 612) is available at <http://www.opm.gov/forms/html/of.htm#of612>.

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